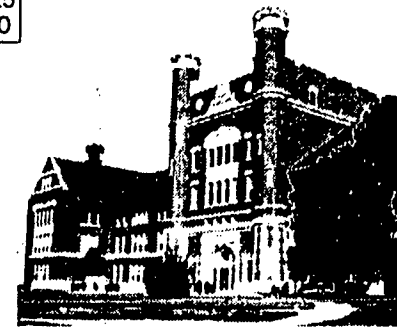


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## Bond issue fails for 6th time



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

**Keeping tally.** Custodian Linda White keeps tabs on the election results Tuesday night at the Nodaway County Courthouse. The bond failed for the sixth consecutive time.

### New Board members vow to keep up fight

TATE SINCLAIR  
CHIEF REPORTER

The sixth time was not the lucky charm for the Maryville Middle School bond.

The bond failed despite receiving one more vote for than against. A four-sevenths majority was needed to pass the bond.

Along with the bond, two City Council seats and three School board seats were up for grabs. The only incumbent to lose in either race was School Board candidate David Smith. Marilyn Griffin, former president of the School Board, did not vie for re-election.

Ray Courter and Mark Burnside will be serving their first terms on the board, while Rego Jones was an incumbent.

On the City Council side, both Bridget Brown and Jerry Riggs were both re-elected to office.

Both Courter and Burnside, the newest members of the board, were disconsolate with the bond's loss.

"I had been on the steering committee for the bond for five of the six years, so I had a vested

interest," Courter said.

Courter said he is eager to find the reasons the bond has not succeeded.

"(The board needs to) find out, on a grassroots level, why people are voting against this bond," he said. "The middle school needs to be replaced, that is not going to go away."

Burnside was equally upset by the bond's loss.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I, personally, am curious as to why people are voting no on this bond. I'm going to find out why."

Burnside said he may know reasons the bond fails, but he has not heard one specific answer.

"Is it the location, the money, the design or something else?" he said. "Whatever it is, it is very important we find out why one-half of the people are still voting no on this bond issue."

Courter said communication may be the key to the bond passing.

"A lot of people like to complain, but we need to get the real reason they are voting against it," Courter said.

An amendment that did pass calls for a vote from the state on certain tax increases.

### Election results

#### R-II Bond

Yes 1676; No 1675  
(needed 4/7 majority)

#### City Council

Bridget Brown 1585 won seat  
Jerry Riggs 1518 won seat  
Ellis Black 219  
Rex Wallace 989  
Daria Estes (write in) 192

#### R-II School Board

Rego Jones 2120  
Mark Burnside 1556  
Ray Courter 1733  
Robert Colville 920  
David Smith 1187  
Elaine Plackameir 1551

#### Amendment 4

Statewide  
yes 470,528 passed  
no 215,489  
Nodaway County  
yes 3064; no 1616

## Field needs drainage renovations

Other repairs needed as well to track and foundation

JENNIE NELSON  
CHIEF REPORTER

Rickenbrode Stadium may receive a much-needed face-lift this summer.

The field currently has several areas being looked at for repairs, grounds manager Randy Willis said.

Willis said many of the current problems at the stadium stem from the drainage system.

"The drainage system that was installed in there has a lot of cracks in the foundation," he said.

"There are also some low spots in the field itself."

*"The drainage system that was installed in there has a lot of cracks in the foundation."*

Randy Willis  
grounds manager

Other areas of improvement include making the track wider, pumping the track full of concrete, filling weak spots in the foundation, grinding off the track surface, putting new red rubber on it and replacing the drainage system.

Warren Gose, director of Finance, said renovations will be a major task.

"The drainage system has caused wide cracks to appear in the track," he said. "At first we thought there might even be caves under the field, but we found out that was not the problem."

Gose said the plans for the renovations are not yet finalized; however, an engineer has been hired and bids are in the process of being looked over.

If the budget is finalized, Gose said the renovations could begin this summer.

However, the University is still looking at ways to fund the renovations.

"We have some money put back," he said. "But the cost is looking to be higher than that, so we will need to look at some alternative ways to fund it."

Gose said the University will consider using student fees and capital funds from the state.

However, Gose does not plan on asking the state for additional funds.

"If we get the money we are asking from them for Colden and the steam lines, we'll be lucky," he said. "We wouldn't ask the state for money for this year."

Gose said he hopes to have the details of the renovations finalized and ready to present to the Board of Regents for approval at the May 10 meeting.

Willis is looking forward to the renovations. "It should be a really good-looking outfit when it's finished," he said.

## Northwest's First Lady



**Just ticklin' the ivories.** Enjoying some quality time with her grandson Charlie, Alita

Hubbard watches him play the piano. Alita babysits Charlie while his mom, Melody, works.

GENE CASSELL/Campus Sports Editor

*Alita Hubbard's behind-the-scenes work focuses on making people comfortable*

REGINA BRUNTMAYER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Hillary Clinton does not have anything over Northwest's own first lady. As the wife of the University president, Alita Hubbard goes above and beyond the call of duty whether she is making a guest comfortable, babysitting her grandson or taking classes at Northwest.

"Basically, I am an unpaid public servant, and I am happy to do that," Alita said.

Alita was born in Seattle to Naomi Griffin and Herb Thornton, but she grew up in Walla Walla, Wash.

Married in 1959, Alita said she would marry the same man today. "When we married, I'd never been away from home," Alita said. "It was a big step to marry this fellow who swept me off my feet."

University President Dean Hubbard considers Alita more than just his wife.

"After 36 years, I can honestly say that she has always been my best friend as well as my wife," he said.

Alita said Hubbard influenced her life the most.

"I blossomed because I was loved, but also because he just figured there was nothing we couldn't do," Alita said. "We've always been a team."

Other university officials have noticed the teammates.

Dave Gieseke, director of News and Information, said he remembered when Alita came down with President Hubbard to interview for the job. Gieseke said he thought she was the only wife who came to the interview with her husband.

"(President Hubbard) mentioned that they were a team," Gieseke said. "That was always something that impressed me."



As friends, the Hubbards have always had plenty of things to talk about, especially because reading plays a large role in their lives.

"When you talk about compatibility, that is what makes her fun," Hubbard said. "We enjoy talking to each other about things other than what makes a family function."

Alita also enjoys spending time with her grandson, Charlie, whom she babysits in the mornings.

"We are blessed for Charlie," Alita said. "I take care of Charlie while my daughter (Melody) is working."

Alita considers herself to be a part of the "sandwich generation" because she takes care of many people. She cares for Charlie, her husband as well as helping Hubbard's mother.

"I have three beautiful children," Alita said. "We are very close. We are fortunate to have a very nice family."

Hubbard said before they were married, a friend had told him that Alita would be a great mother for his children, Hubbard said he was right.

"She was a loving mother," he said. "She was focused and had high expectations for the children."

Melody Lowe, their daughter who lives in Maryville and owns Prescott Publishing, describes her mother as a best friend.

"She's one of my very best friends," Lowe said. "I don't think that every daughter can say that about their mothers."

Lowe said she and her sister Joy and brother Paul did a lot of things together as a family while they were

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## Teachers at Horace Mann receive grants

VANESSA SKAGGS  
MISSOURIAN STAFF

One in only four \$1,500 grants from the Endowment Fund for the National Association of Laboratory Schools has been awarded to two teachers at the Horace Mann School.

Sherri Strating and Lynette Tappmeyer have received the money to conduct research with 50 students from Horace Mann and 15 college science practicum students.

"This particular grant shows the possibilities of teaming together to research what it's like to

study plants and the differences in growing plants," Strating said.

This research will begin during the summer and continue through the 1996-97 academic year.

The grant, called "Operation Green Leaf," will focus on experience with ecological and botanical sciences.

Outdoor observations will involve children so they can watch the changes of the four seasons.

The money will be used to supply the research. Strating said the children can be fully involved with the research.

"It's a hands-on, mind-on experience," Strating

said. "They can use their eyes, they can observe and they can be thinking and making predictions while journaling what's happening."

The experience is meant to enhance the children's ability to communicate ideas of science through research in cross-curricular settings.

"Children are going to be performing tasks," Tappmeyer, second grade teacher, said. "They will be showing and doing it instead of just using a pencil."

The information collected from the research will be presented to the National Association of Lab School Conference in Phoenix in February.

**Correction:** Because of an editor's error in the March 21 issue in "Faculty earn rewards" it was reported that a doctorate is required to be promoted to assistant professor. However, a doctorate is not needed. In addition, Richard Frucht, history/humanities; Craig Goad, English; Kathie Leeper, communication and theater arts; and Roy Leeper, communication and theater arts; all received sabbaticals.

## Our View

# Think about future of student government

Student government, what does that mean? Students representing students, right?

Well, our question to you is "Does Student Senate represent your views?" If the answer is no, then we have two words for you: GET INVOLVED.

This is your chance to change what Student Senate does and is all about.

Applications are currently available to change the meaning of student government at Northwest forever by joining Senate. Let's face facts: Student Senate has accomplished little to nothing over the years.

The members are supposed to represent the student body. Do they? Do you know anything that Student Senate has done for you or your organizations? Again, if the answer is no, then this is the time to learn.

Not all voting members attended at Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

First of all, why were there only this many people and second, why doesn't the president, vice president or other groups have anything to say?

This is April when everything hap-

pens — except with Student Senate apparently.

Don't be fooled by Student Senate's campaign for Amendment 7 last year. We, as a University, combined for this cause, not just Student Senate.

Now, this year — think hard — what have they really done?

This election year brings new meanings to human rights. We look toward the nation for our rights.

What about looking toward a new Student Senate for our rights as students?

It is time to take that application in hand and change Student Senate by applying for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary or class representative.

However, if you believe Student Senate has done the best it can possibly do, remember there is almost always room for improvement.

And it sure looks like Student Senate needs a lot.

What are your opinions about Student Senate? Send in your letters to the editor about Student Senate, good or bad. We want to know what you think.

### CAMPUS EDITORIAL



## Our View

# Maryville fails to help education

Another election has passed and, not surprisingly, another school bond issue has failed. Even though Washington Middle School is dilapidated, taxpayers refuse to dish out the extra money it will take to fix the problem.

Let's look through the taxpayers' eyes. In this time of tax-and-spend policies from our federal and state government, it is no wonder that Maryville residents do not want to pay any more money.

However, we are not speaking of a federal or state issue. We are talking about a local issue. We are talking about our children's futures. Even though we are over-taxed, we must realize that some taxes serve to benefit the community.

Furthermore, Maryville residents have proven they are capable of voting for tax increases. In June 1993, residents voted for a half cent sales tax for Mozingo. We hope the community isn't sending the wrong message to our kids — that recreation is more important than education. Granted, water was involved in the

Mozingo project. But if residents can shell out the money for Mozingo, they can do it for a much-needed project.

We have heard the arguments on both sides of the bond issue. But the building is clearly damaged and in dire need of repair. Maryville residents should be ashamed for voting against this bond issue again.

Next time, assuming that the building doesn't burn down or crumble in the meantime, we encourage a better campaign by proponents. The "IM4R2RU" signs are catchy, but we apparently need to educate some of our residents to the importance of a good learning environment for our children.

Maybe proponents need to hold off on sending the issue to the public again until they can work out a better system of persuading people. It would also help the situation if proponents figured out what the real problem is. Maybe residents just believe the \$7.88 million request is too much. Maybe proponents need to figure out a cheaper solution for the project.

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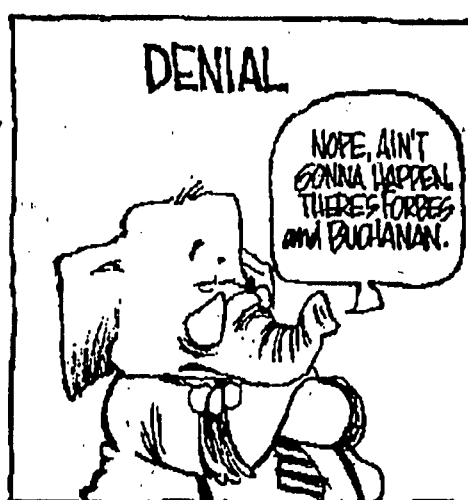
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## My Turn

# Men want long hair... grow it yourself

While wandering down the cheap smut novel section of a local supermarket, I noticed something — all of the women on the cheap novels' covers had one thing in common (besides the fact that they were half naked and were accompanied by half-naked men) — they all had long, luxurious hair down to their waists.

This realization got me thinking — why is it that our society (particularly men) are so obsessed with women with long hair?

I speak from experience here. In the past I have had super short hair — we're talking the kind of hair that would cause people to give me a Hitler salute and old ladies to crinkle up their nose and say "Is that a boy or a girl?" When I came to college, I started growing it out and now it's down to my shoulders. But the memories of my short hair, and the comments it drew, still linger.

One instance I can remember occurred while I was in high school. Ah, high school, what a wonderful, happy time where I was surrounded by kind, considerate peers who continuously let me know how much I was loved. (If you can't tell, my fingers are dripping with sarcasm as I type this).

Anyway, I had a crush on a guy in my class. I thought he was just the most wonderful human being on earth. Much to my chagrin though, one day Mr. Wonderful found out just how wonderful I thought he was. I can remember what he said when he found out.



JENNIE NELSON

## Women with short locks deserve more respect

"Her?" he said with scorn. "I'd go out with her if she had long hair. But not the way her hair looks now."

What a nice guy, huh? He based his entire judgment of my physical appearance and personality on one thing — my hair.

Of course, I later realized Mr. Wonderful's intelligence was not so wonderful (I think now he's pursuing a career as a lawn ornament dealer), but that didn't stop my hurt at the time.

Unfortunately, this instance was not an isolated one.

In fact, almost anyone who knows me says that I have the lowest self esteem of anyone they know. I blame a lot of this on the way people used to make fun of me about my hair.

So what is it that makes men so obsessed with women with long hair? Maybe it goes back to Biblical times when Delilah cut off Samson's hair and caused all his strength to disappear.

Maybe when that happened, the male gender decided that women should always have the long hair because long hair was sacred and they were afraid to grow theirs out because they knew they'd have to cut theirs someday.

Or maybe men just are too lazy to have long hair themselves, and just think that it's a woman's duty to go through the ritual of washing, brushing out tangles, styling, fussing, etc., because they are too busy doing manly things.

I don't know. I realize not all men think all women should have long hair, and I realize that all men are not as trivial as Mr. Wonderful was in high school about physical appearance.

But I just wish that once, just once, when I walked down that smut aisle in Hy-Vee, I would see a half-naked woman with SHORT hair being smothered by a half-naked man.

Who knows. Maybe I'll cut my hair, give up college, and pursue a career as a short-haired smut novel cover model.

After all, I could wind up being held by a half naked Fabio — and you know, I just LOVE his long hair...

Jennie Nelson is a chief reporter for the Northwest Missourian.

## Shrewdness & Rudeness

# Main Street doesn't follow society

The common wisdom would say that today's folks are obsessed with the rush — that speedy service and quick results are in high demand.

And, for the most part, casual observations would support that theory. For example, pagers and voice-mail make people instantly accessible. Discount stores and supermarkets offer express checkouts, so customers on the run can breeze through the store.

The electronic campus makes it easy to schedule classes and send love letters quickly and painlessly.

Even McDonald's boasts a three-window drive-thru system that cuts down on the time it takes to take orders and make change.

However, with all this emphasis on speed and the need to market neat innovations to create instant gratification, why does the flow of traffic on Main Street appear to defy such common wisdom?

Have you been on the main drag lately? Or perhaps I should ask: Have you been on the main drag lately without losing your mind?

As far as I know, the posted speed limit is at least 30 mph throughout Maryville and 25 mph downtown. However, rarely have I been on Main Street at a speed even close to those numbers.

It's not as if I wish to barrel down the



DERRICK BARKER

## Life passes by at 120 mph while speed limit remains 20 mph

skinny two-lane stretch at 60 mph just so I can make it to Wal-Mart and back in two minutes, but it would be nice to get there within the same hour.

OK, so it's an exaggeration of time. Big deal. But take a close look at your speedometer and at the slow guy ahead of you and judge for yourself. I doubt the speedometer or the guy will go any higher than 20 on South Main.

That is, unless there's no one ahead of you, but with the crazy traffic on the highway, an open road on Main is a rarity indeed.

So you say I am an impatient maniac? Not hardly. It's just that I can't understand

how people who can wait for five minutes in line at the local fast-food place without raising a ruckus can roll down Main Street at a put-put pace completely unaware of the line of cars that tail him.

It's a phenomenon — a completely illogical happening in the middle of town.

But what can cure it? Perhaps nothing.

However, it would be nice if law enforcement officials pulled these losers over for impeding traffic.

After all, if going over the speed limit is such a crime — as it should be — then, why not ticket those who refuse to keep up with traffic?

It doesn't have to be everywhere, mind you. Just Main Street will do.

An unusual request for the police? Yeah, probably. But I suppose it's justified for an unusual, yet unique town with an unusually large population of unusual drivers.

Remember, folks: It's 30 mph on Main.

By the way, in my last column in the March 21 issue concerning the minimum wage rate increase, I goofed. In one of the paragraphs I inadvertently called state Sen. Sam Graves a proponent of Senate Bill 856.

Of course, I meant to say that he is an opponent of the measure. I apologize for the blunder and any confusion thereafter.

Derrick Barker is a contributing columnist for the Northwest Missourian.

## Letters to the Editor

We appreciate all the letters we have received, but please limit your letters to 200 WORDS because of space constraints. We have the right to refuse and to edit letters. Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night home numbers for verification purposes. Send letters to Wells Hall #8 or by E-mail at 0500214.



## CampusTurn

## It's Your Turn

# MIAA creates real March Madness



JIM REDD

*Bearcats' title loss provides new meaning for basketball month*

Northwest's Athletics Department was informed on Friday, March 1, by the MIAA Conference that Bearcat basketball senior center Rick Jolley's athletic eligibility was in question for the 1995-96 season.

The athletics department has investigated the matter, documented and self-reported its findings to the MIAA Eligibility and Infractions Committee. We appealed the sanctions from this MIAA committee, and are currently awaiting the actions of the MIAA Chief Executive officers — university presidents — and, eventually, the NCAA.

All of these activities have occurred this month, giving me a new meaning for "March Madness."

Early in my football coaching career, I learned that athletic competition provides an opportunity to experience almost every human feeling and/or emotion. This is because those in athletics are usually highly committed and have a passion for their sport.

March 1996 has been much like a roller-coaster ride for me with many highs and lows. However, it is good to remember that no matter how happy and excited we are after victory or how sad and low that we are after a loss, reality is usually somewhere in between.

Athletics are special learning experiences for coaches, athletes and fans with opportunities to experience the feelings and emotions of life.

It is my goal to maintain a consistent emotional approach to competition as we learn to "win" and to rebound from disappointment.

Throughout this situation, Northwest has acted in good faith in presenting its findings in an open and honest manner. We have asked those hearing us for fairness, justice and dignity.

The sanctions rendered in this case seem harsh, and they have created many questions concerning

the MIAA constitutional process. Laws, rules and regulations are made to provide structure and consistency, but occasionally unusual situations occur and interpretations need to be made.

In society, not everything is black or white, and there are gray areas requiring hearings, appeals, juries and judges.

The Jolley case is an example of a gray area — we had no intent to break a rule, and we acted in an ethical manner.

Northwest is still currently engaged in due process, and we are grateful for these appeal opportunities.

The votes of the MIAA Eligibility and Infractions Committee and then the institutional representatives have both been very close. My main MIAA procedural concerns come from not knowing who raised the "question" and when they received the information.

The MIAA permits the "questioning" institution to vote in the Eligibility and Infractions Committee and again in the appeal process when the self-reporting institution (in this case Northwest) cannot vote. The intent of the "questioning institution" should be considered — in my opinion the "questioner" and "respondent" should not vote.

When we are challenged in life, we can act in one of three ways. First, we can accept and go with the "flow."

Second, we can "fight" for our situation and work to improve the system.

Third, we can "flee" the situation and simply leave it and forget it. Northwest has decided to "fight" in the Jolley case because we believe we are right even though a technical rule had been violated.

Many are working diligently in this matter. Thanks go to University President Dean Hubbard, Beth

Wheeler, community relations officer; Dave Gieseke, news and information director; Virgil Albertini, English professor, and MIAA faculty athletic representative; Sherri Reeves, assistant athletic director; Wanda Exceen, our MIAA and NCAA compliance officer; Steve Tappmeyer, men's basketball coach; and Tracy Skoglund, athletics administrative assistant; and staff, for compiling our reports to the media, MIAA and NCAA.

Many have asked me what effect the Jolley case will have on Northwest, the athletics program and, in particular, men's basketball.

To date, there has been a deepening and intensification of support for us — this has come locally and from Bearcats across the country.

As our teams become championship caliber, we need to remember that the competition is fierce on and off the field and court.

The 1995-96 Northwest men's basketball team accomplished much, and they will be remembered as "on-the-court" MIAA regular season co-champions.

As far as my feelings and emotions during this "March Madness," it has been a real roller-coaster ride producing the following: shock, anger, rage, sorrow, disgust, frustration, disappointment, anxiety as well as excitement, happiness, camaraderie, confidence and satisfaction. Northwest has acted in good faith with integrity and dignity.

The motto on our Administration Building is good to remember: "And the Truth Shall Make You Free."

Thank you for this editorial opportunity because as one writes issues they tend to "crystallize" and this has been therapeutic for me. Thank you for your support — "Once a Bearcat Always a Bearcat."

Jim Redd is the Northwest athletics director.

## What will it take for Maryville to pass a school bond for the middle school?



Rachel Townsend  
MHS sophomore

"I think they need a new middle school, but they don't need near as much as the bond says. If they get too technologically advanced in the middle school, the high school will be a step down."



Matt Rouch  
mass communication instructor

"Obviously, the school bond isn't being passed for some reason. Somebody has to do an in-depth study to find out why people are voting against it."



Dee Dee Morton  
Kawasaki employee

"They need to change the location of where they are having the school. I don't like the location out there at the college."



David Zwank  
education major

"The community needs to be better educated on the needs of the school. I don't think a lot of people have even been in that school to realize exactly how bad of shape it is in."



Jack Otto  
retired

"They may have to lay off for a while and maybe not run it quite so often. It's a tough situation. ... They may have to whittle it down some, too."

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## Calendar

## Thursday, April 4

2 p.m. - Women's tennis vs. Lincoln University at the Frank Grube Courts.  
7 p.m. - "Zoo Story" in the Charles Johnson Theater.

## Friday, April 5

Last date to drop a second block class  
Noon - Baseball vs. Emporia State University at Bearcat Field

## Saturday, April 6

10 a.m. - Northwest Invitational Track and Field Meet at the Herschel Neil Track  
10 a.m. - Women's tennis vs. Rockhurst College at the Frank Grube Courts  
Noon - Baseball vs. Emporia State at Bearcat Field

## Sunday, April 7

11 a.m. - Special Easter service in the University Club North  
Noon - Baseball vs. Emporia State at Bearcat Field

## Monday, April 8

5:30 p.m. - Principal test in 120 Wells Hall

## Tuesday, April 9

Tower Queen interviews take place in the Union  
Noon - Baseball vs. Missouri Southern State College at Bearcat Field

## Wednesday, April 10

6 p.m. - Department of Human Environmental Sciences recognition banquet in the Union Ballroom  
7 p.m. - "Man of Music" concert in the Charles Johnson Theater

## Thursday, April 11

Greek Weekend events begin  
2 p.m. - Women's tennis vs. University of Minnesota-Duluth at the Frank Grube Courts  
7:30 p.m. - Comic Brad Montgomery in Bearcat Arena

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**Shivering while you work.** Jeff Oden adds more water to Ben Prell's soapy water bucket at a carwash on Wednesday at the Easter's parking lot to raise money for Greek

Weekend. The car wash was rescheduled from Saturday because of rain, although the Greeks ended up working in 50 degree weather.

CHRISTINA KETTLER/Missourian Staff

## InBrief

## 'A Night Out' ticket sale ends Friday

Tickets for the dinner "A Night Out," sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, cease to be on sale Friday.

The dinner, taking place Saturday, April 27, is a semi-formal dinner and replaces the "Evening of Elegance" that has taken place in past years.

This is the first year RHA has been in charge of the event.

The cost of the dinner/dance tickets are \$10, and the menu includes a choice of sirloin steak, meat-filled lasagne and vegetarian lasagne.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Services Center.

## Organizations unite for 'Man of Music'

Northwest music students will present a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Charles Johnson Theater.

The concert will be called the "Man of Music" concert. It will feature members of all the Greek music organizations.

The songs will be performed by the organizations and also several small ensembles.

A mixed choir from Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota is scheduled to perform the final celebration.

There is no cost for attendance and the performance is open to the public.

## Maryville graduates reunite for 'Story'

Two former Maryville graduates reunite for another performance on the Northwest campus.

Chet Hardin and George Fero, Jr. return to present the one-act play "The Zoo Story" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Tickets for the show are \$2.50.

While Fero and Hardin are not the only people acting in "The Zoo Story," they are doing every aspect of the production — from directing, publicity and costumes to all of the limited technical aspects of the show, such as lights and sound and special effects.

The show is open to the public.

## Greeks prepare to show off unity

JAMIE HATZ  
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A torch, which currently blazes across America for the Olympics, will spark the fire of unity in this year's Greek Weekend April 11-14.

The passing of the torch will begin at 2:30 p.m. April 11 at Roberta Hall. The torch will travel to the fraternity houses; at each house it will be passed to new runners, with the finale at the Bell Tower.

Along with the fire, there are some big changes in the locations, festivities and the spirit of the event.

This year's Greek Weekend will show unity in Olympian proportions by involving the Theta Chapter, a new Greek organization made up of two representatives from every fraternity and three from every sorority.

"The Theta Chapter promotes the spirit of what Greek Weekend is about — the sharing of friendships and putting aside differences to work together and have a great time," Matt Motsick, weekend co-chair, said.

Greek Weekend is not all about fun and games; it is also about serving Maryville.

"The Greeks of Northwest will be contributing to our community in a

very beneficial way because we will be providing approximately 500 hours of our time and effort to help the Maryville community," Jennifer Thomas, philanthropy chair said.

For the second year in a row, Greeks are also working at the Maryville Healthcare Center. They will be stripping wallpaper, cleaning walls, planting flowers and painting patio furniture at the building.

Hours will also be put toward the beautification of Maryville by cleaning Judah and Cecinile Park.

"This is a way to show the community that we do care about how Maryville looks, and we want to pay the community back of the time we do use it," Thomas said.

Another project is the rebuilding of the town's Winter Wonderland display at Franklin Park. The final service project is the Food Drive for a local food pantry. Thomas said they hope to collect at least three cans per person from each organization.

"This year we want to focus on giving within the Maryville community and not to an outside organization," Motsick said. "There are over 800 students involved in the Greek system and so much potential to work with and build on."

## Faculty Senate hears goals for retention

CYNTHIA HANSEN  
MISSOURIAN STAFF

When the issue of a push toward a better retention rate at Northwest came to the table, Faculty Senate members listened intently.

The committee in charge of this problem, called the attrition/retention committee, gave a report of its ideas on how to deal with these two issues in order to increase the rate.

First is the issue of attrition, which is the number of students who leave Northwest, especially after their first year. The committee wants to find out why these students leave. Retention focuses on how to keep those students who want to leave.

Roger Pugh, executive director of enrollment management, said 15 percent of freshmen leave after their first semester, 56 percent after their first year and 40-41 percent graduate.

"Our goal is to move to a 70 percent retention rate in three years," Pugh said.

To help with this, the committee has come up with two ideas.

The first is to instigate a First Year Student Center with several areas to it. For example, it will be a place for increasing the use of ACT data/services for advisement, a help center for advisement in majors and a help center for students.

The second is to do an Intake/Placement Process Revision. For example, this revision could change the previous "undecided major" title to a "pre-majoring" title in a particular area until after the student receives advanced standing.

One item Pugh addressed was the change in the entrance requirements from a 20 ACT score to a 21 ACT score, which he said may also help in increasing the retention rate.

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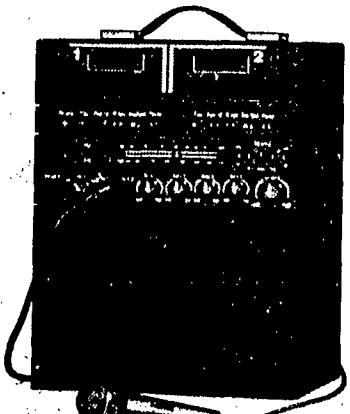


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Good Luck!